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In Re U.S. Patent Application

Applicant: Hagiwara et al.

Serial No. 09/484,911

Filed: January 18, 2000

For: SEARCH SYSTEM AND METHOD BASED
ON SEARCH CONDITION COMBINATION

Art Unit: 2172

Examiner: Fleurantin, Jean B.



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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

| | As Amended | Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate | Additional Fee |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------------|---------------|----------|----------------|
| Total Claims | 18 | 20 | 0 | \$18.00 | \$ |
| Independent Claims | 10 | 8 | 2 | \$84.00 | \$ 168.00 |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims | | | | \$280.00 | \$ |
| Total Additional Fee | | | | | \$ 0.00 |

☒ Amendment B.☒ Request for Continued Examination

☒ If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed September 11, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-5 and 11-16, and add new claims 17-18 as follows:

1. (Amended) A search system comprising:

an inputting device inputting query specification information which collectively specifies a plurality of search condition combinations, each of the combinations

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